

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

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The Nevada Division of Forestry is accepting grant applications for the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Wildland Urban Interface Program.

The Nevada Division of Forestry is requesting applications for the 2006 Wildland Urban Interface grant program. Funding is available through the National Fire Plan distributed by the US Forest Service. The Nevada State Fire Assistance program will award these funds through a competitive grant program.

CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS:

Eligibility:

Grant funds can be used for costs associated with implementing on-the-ground hazardous fuels reduction projects, information and education relating to Wildland Urban Interface, and homeowner and community action projects. Projects must be implemented on state and/or private lands located in Nevada; projects on federal lands are not eligible.

Non-profit organizations, homeowner's associations, local fire departments and fire protection districts, fire safe council chapters, city, county, and state agencies and organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

Maximum/Minimum:

There is no minimum. Maximum dollar amount available for each grant application is \$125,000.

Match:

A 50/50 match is required. This means that the allocated grant amount must be matched in full by the recipient using a **non-federal source**. This matching share can be soft match (which includes training hours valued at an accepted rate found at (http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html), donated labor/equipment, etc) and/or hard match (which is actual dollars spent other than federal grant funds within the specified scope of work.) All match must be accrued within the effective dates of the grant.

Purpose:

The purpose of this funding is to mitigate risk of Wildland fire in the Wildland Urban Interface areas. Grant projects should identify/assess risk; mitigate those risks and /or educate and inform communities about Wildland fire including defensible space.

Timeline:

Funds are available to successful applicants at the completion of the competitive process. Projects should be able to be completed within one year.

Application Format:

Applications must be submitted on the approved application form, available on the Nevada Division of Forestry website at www.forestry.state.nv.us. To receive an application by mail, contact the Nevada Division of Forestry at 775-684-2500. Applications are in word format and the totals in boxes 7 and 8 add automatically and transfer to page 1's for NDF use only box. Applications should include a one page cover letter on letterhead of the agency or organization submitting the application, signed by an authorized representative. The cover letter should include the amount requested, a brief summary of the project, and contact information. Please fill out the application thoroughly and provide all information requested, failure to do so may result in the rejection of the application.

Maximum Page Limit:

Applications should not exceed 8 pages, including the cover letter, the application and the letters of commitment from identified partners (maps don't count toward the page limit). Please do not include master plans, meeting minutes, or other lengthy documents, these items will not be considered by the selection committee. Do not include more than three letters of support.

Reimbursement:

Grantees must incur costs associated with the grant, as outlined in the *Approved Budget*, and then submit a *Request for Reimbursement*. *Requests for Reimbursement* must be accompanied by copies of invoices, receipts, or some other proof of payment. 25% of the total grant amount will be withheld until an NDF representative has verified the scope of work is complete, as agreed upon in the *Notice of Grant Award*.

Reporting Requirements:

Grantees are required to submit two quarterly progress reports per calendar year, for each year the grant is active. Progress reports are due July 1 and January 1 of each year. A final report is due upon completion of the project.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT QUALIFY (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)

Improve Prevention: FireWise or similar programs

Living with Fire newspaper inserts

Fire education components to Project Learning Tree

Fire prevention projects

Pamphlets, brochures, handouts

Hazardous Fuels Reduction: Defensible space around homes and structures

Shaded fuel breaks

Fuels reduction beyond defensible space

Removal of slash including piling and burning; mulching; grinding, etc.

Prescribed fire

Restore Fire-adapted Ecosystems: Fuels reduction beyond defensible space

Removal of slash including piling and burning; mulching; grinding, etc.

Prescribed fire

Thinning

Promote the establishment of native plants

Homeowner and Community Action: Multi-jurisdictional hazard reduction projects
Homeowner-association sponsored fuels reduction projects
Municipal, fire district, county coordination of slash disposal

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY(NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)

Purchase of fire department equipment Small business start-up funding Research and development projects Preparedness and suppression capacity building

Application Deadline:

Application must be received by the State Office of the Nevada Division of Forestry at: 2525 South Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701, no later than 5:00 pm **July 28, 2006.**

All applications must contain an original signature. Faxed, electronic and incomplete applications will be rejected. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm, July 28, 2006.

For more information contact:

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